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	Title	Drug For Treating Fractures

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-28 and enter the following new claims:

29. (New) A drug selected from the group consisting of at least one bisphosphonate when used for promoting new bone formation at a fracture site.

30. (New) A drug selected from the group consisting of at least one bisphosphonate when used for treating a fractured bone.

31. (New) The drug of claim 29 wherein the bisphosphonate is Zoledronate.

32. (New) The drug of claim 30 wherein the bisphosphonate is Zoledronate.

33. (New) The drug of claim 29 wherein the drug is a combination of two or more bisphosphonates.

34. (New) The drug of claim 30 wherein the drug is a combination of two or more bisphosphonates.

35. (New) The drug Zoledronate when used for promoting new bone formation.